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## NEWS AND NOTES

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### TWELTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, beginning Thursday, December 27, and closing Saturday, December 29, 1917. Among the other associations meeting at Philadelphia were the American Economic Association, the American Political Science Association, the American Statistical Association, the American Association for Labor Legislation, and the American Historical Association. The associations were the guests Friday of the University of Pennsylvania, and Saturday of Haverford College.

The precedent of re-electing a president for a second term was again broken this year by the refusal of President Howard to permit the nominating committee to present his name for re-election. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Charles H. Cooley, University of Michigan; First Vice-President, Frank W. Blackmar, University of Kansas; Second Vice-President, James Q. Dealey, Brown University; Secretary-Treasurer, Scott E. W. Bedford, University of Chicago; members of the Executive Committee, Miss Julia Lathrop, Federal Children's Bureau; Carl Kelsey, University of Pennsylvania; Cecil C. North, Ohio State University; J. Elbert Cutler, Western Reserve University; F. Stuart Chapin, Smith College; and William J. Kerby, Catholic University. The two last named are members of the Executive Committee for the first time.

The general subject of the session was "Social Control." The notable character of the papers and the excellence of the discussions will be recognized by the reading of the annual *Papers and Proceedings of the American Sociological Society*, which will appear shortly.

At the business meeting of the Society a marked advance was achieved in the movement toward co-operative effort to solve certain problems. In accordance with the suggestion in a letter from P. P. Claxton, Federal Commissioner of Education, the President was empowered to appoint two persons to represent the Society upon a joint committee made up by representatives of the other social-science societies to study the adaptation of present social-science courses to war conditions. The preliminary report of the Committee on Statistics,

made by its chairman, Professor W. M. Adriance, was accepted and provision made that its membership be increased by the appointment of two persons, preferably those now at work in Washington, D.C. The following resolution presented by Miss Lucile Eaves was adopted:

WHEREAS (1) The Sociological Society about five years ago appointed a research committee for the purpose of securing the co-operation of its members in country-wide investigations, and

(2) The plans made at that time failed to mature because of the death of its chairman, Professor C. R. Henderson,

*Be it resolved*, That this committee be revived, and that the President be authorized to appoint such a committee, whose duties shall be the correspondence with college teachers and other members of the Society interested in such research, with a view to the collection of data which may be prepared for presentation at the next annual meeting of the Sociological Society.

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#### DINNER CONFERENCE ON THE TRAINING OF HOME SERVICE WORKERS

An important group meeting was held Friday evening of the session by teachers of sociology and representatives of the Red Cross for the purpose of working out a plan of co-operation between colleges and universities and the Red Cross in the training of Home Service workers. Dr. T. J. Riley, National Director of Home Service Institutes, was chairman of the meeting.

The following conclusions were informally arrived at as a result of the discussion:

First, that the universities would welcome from the Red Cross the outline of a standard collegiate course in Home Service, together with requirements for field work, and that the Red Cross would welcome the assistance of the universities on the training of Home Service workers.

Second (considering that supervised field work is absolutely necessary in Home Service training courses), that the number of students to be admitted to the collegiate courses in Home Service should be determined by the number that could be satisfactorily trained in the co-operating case work agencies, and not by the number of qualified persons who may apply for the courses.

Third, that where practicable a part of the field work should be taken at the same time as the class work, but that generally the major part of the field work would follow after the class work, inasmuch as college students will not be able to give their full time to the course.

Fourth, that such a course should be open only to selected seniors and graduates.

There was a well-defined, but not fully developed, opinion expressed that those colleges or universities that have at present courses distinctly calculated to train social workers might very well continue these courses as usually given and encourage their graduates to take the regular Home Service Institute of the Red Cross.

The following motion made by Dr. J. E. Hagerty was unanimously passed:

That it is the sense of the conference that the universities are desirous of co-operating with the Red Cross in the training of Home Service workers and commends to the Red Cross the foregoing suggestions, and the conference suggests to the Director-General of Civilian Relief and the National Directors of Home Service Institutes the desirability of appointing a committee representing the universities to confer with the Department of Civilian Relief in the carrying out of this resolution.

In accordance with the provisions of this motion Dr. Riley on behalf of himself and Mr. F. C. Persons, the Director-General of Civilian Relief, appointed as nucleus of this committee Professors Hagerty, Bedford, Chapin, Barnett, and Lowrie.

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#### RURAL SOCIOLOGISTS IN GROUP MEETING

On the initiative of Professor John Phelan, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, an informal meeting of teachers of rural sociology was held Friday morning in the Ivory Room at the Adelphia Hotel in Philadelphia. The following were among those present: Scott E. W. Bedford, Warren H. Wilson, H. F. Cotterman, W. S. Thompson, L. M. Bristol, Walter J. Campbell, C. J. Galpin, John Phelan. The round-table discussion was so profitable that it was decided to ask for at least a session at the next meeting of the American Sociological Society.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Miss Ethel Bird, assistant in field work in the Philanthropic Service Division of the School of Commerce and Administration, was granted a month's leave of absence to assist in the relief work following the disaster in Halifax. Miss Bird was formerly secretary of the Halifax Bureau of Social Service.

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#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Dr. Edward T. Devine, professor of social economy, has been appointed chief of the Bureau of Refugees and Home Relief under the

American Red Cross Commission to France. In accepting this position Dr. Devine resigned as director of the New York School of Philanthropy and has been succeeded by Mr. Porter R. Lee.

Professor Henry R. Seager is serving as secretary of the Labor Control Board of the United States Shipping Board at Washington.

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#### IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Dr. Warren H. Wilson of Teachers College, Columbia University, lectured during the month of November in exchange with Professor G. M. Wilson of Iowa State College.

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#### RICE INSTITUTE

Mr. L. P. Edwards of the University of Chicago, accepted an appointment as instructor in sociology to begin work January 3. He will also give courses in sociology in the Texas School of Social Work.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Dr. Josiah Morse of the department of philosophy and sociology has been granted leave of absence for the duration of the war in order to serve as director of Red Cross work in South Carolina.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Dr. Max S. Handman of the University of Chicago, is professor of sociology. For three years Professor Handman taught in the department of sociology in the University of Missouri.

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#### WAUKEGAN AND NORTH CHICAGO COMMUNITY SURVEY

Mr. Z. T. Egartner of the University of Chicago accepted an appointment as director of the Waukegan and North Chicago Community Survey and director of the Navy Club. Address: Navy Club, Waukegan, Illinois.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

During the past semester Professor E. A. Ross was in Russia on leave of absence. He was engaged in the study of social and economic conditions under the auspices of the American Institute of Social Service.